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Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 1-14 and 16-19 are pending in this application with claim 1 being an independent claim. By the foregoing amendments, claim 15 is sought to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The entry of these changes is respectfully requested.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Office Action indicates that Claims 1-19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner identified the above-captioned application as containing more than one independent and distinct invention. The Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following identified groups:

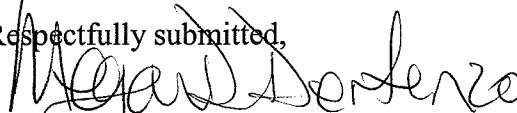
- Group I: Claims 1-14 and 16-19, drawn to method for selecting an input file containing a plurality of data records; selecting a reference file, the reference file containing a plurality of data records; computing a search key; and for each data record in the input file: retrieving the data record from the input file on remote storage, which is searching data in the data file, classified in class 707, subclass 3; and,
- Group II: Claim 15, drawn to a method for assigning and maintaining a unique and unchanging unique Person Key using a multitude of available but not consistently available data across all such person's absolute and indicative keys and descriptive and associated data, which is assigning and maintaining a unique key (generating data structure), classified in class 707, subclass 102.

Applicant elects, by way of this Amendment, to cancel claim 15 comprising Group II without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the Examiner's restriction requirement with respect to Group II moot.

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The Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement in light of this response and consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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